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1. CONSIDER LENINGRAD, VORONEZH, LVOV, AND BAKU GOOD POTENTIAL SITES FOR NEW EXHIBIT.

2. LESS ENTHUSIASTIC, HOWEVER, ABOUT INCLUSION OF CLOSED CITIES ON LIST. ON SURFACE, SEE NOTHING BEYOND THEIR CLOSED CITY STATUS TO RECOMMEND THEM AS EXHIBIT SITES OVER OTHER CITIES LISTED, WHILE AT SAME TIME STRONGER JUSTIFICATION SEEN HERE FOR AT LEAST TWO OTHER CITIES, MOSCOW AND TASHKENT. ALTHOUGH THEY MAY PROVE USEFUL AS BARGAINING CHIPS TO BE GIVEN UP TO GET LVOV, SEEMS AT LEAST EQUALLY POSSIBLE THAT THEIR PRESENCE ON LIST MAY CAUSE NEGATIVE REACTION WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE THAT CITY. IN ADDITION, IF EMBASSY IS TO PURSUE SVERDLOVSK AND DNEPROPETROVSK WITH SOVIETS, WILL NEED ALL PERTINENT DETAILS ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE IN US. HAVE SOVIETS EVER REQUESTED PERMISSION HOLD EXHIBIT IN CLOSED US CITIES? HAS PERMISSION EVER BEEN GRANTED? NEED NAMES OF CITIES AND DATES. IF ANSWER AFFIRMATIVE, ALSO NEED TO KNOW WHETHER SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS WERE REGULARLY GRANTED PERMISSION TRAVEL TO SUCH CITIES TO VISIT EXHIBITS.

3. TASHKENT APPEARS EXCELLENT LOCATION BECAUSE OF COMPARATIVELY HIGH LEVEL NEW CONSTRUCTION THERE FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPUTATION FOR SOME USE NEW AND EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN AND

CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES. MINSK ALSO SUGGESTED SINCE IT IS CENTER OF PRODUCTION MANY HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND BUILDING MATERIALS.

4. IN ADDITION, STRONGLY DESIRED HERE ADD MOSCOW TO LIST. EXPECT THIS EXHIBIT WILL APPEAL TO VITAL INTERESTS OF MANY INDIVIDUALS IMPORTANT TO POST PROGRAM AND WORK OF EMBASSY AS A WHOLE. PRESENCE OF EXHIBIT IN MOSCOW WOULD OFFER MANY VALUABLE PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES WITH PRIME TARGET AUDIENCE IN COUNTRY.

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